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SENATE BILL 256

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

A. Three million seven hundred forty-three thousand  
one hundred dollars (\$3,743,100) is appropriated from the  
general fund to the board of regents of the university of New  
Mexico for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 in the following  
amounts and for the following purposes:

(1) one million five hundred thousand dollars  
(\$1,500,000) to the school of medicine specialty education to  
hire faculty specialists to expand the school's ability to  
teach medical students, provide clinical services and do  
research in the areas of diabetes and gastrointestinal and

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1 liver diseases;

2 (2) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)  
3 to provide for a base adjustment at Carrie Tingley crippled  
4 children's hospital to compensate for continued revenue  
5 shortfalls under medicaid managed care and to maintain a high  
6 level of quality services for the vulnerable population served;

7 (3) seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000)  
8 to partially reimburse the university of New Mexico hospital  
9 for the cost of providing uncompensated care to indigent  
10 patients who reside outside of Bernalillo county;

11 (4) three hundred seventy-two thousand seven  
12 hundred dollars (\$372,700) to the school of medicine pediatric  
13 pulmonary program to provide for a pulmonary nurse, nurse  
14 practitioner, specialty nurse and graduate fellow to help  
15 operate the center;

16 (5) three hundred twenty-six thousand dollars  
17 (\$326,000) to the school of medicine pediatric oncology program  
18 to hire an additional clinical oncologist, a clinical  
19 pharmacist, a nurse practitioner and a specialty nurse to allow  
20 more children access to clinical trials services and to enhance  
21 the university's bid to become a national cancer institute-  
22 designated cancer center; and

23 (6) three hundred forty-four thousand four  
24 hundred dollars (\$344,400) to the office of the state medical  
25 investigator to hire an additional pathologist, a physician

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1 epidemiologist and a forensic anthropologist, and to address  
2 rising case loads, staff shortages and increased documentation  
3 requirements.

4 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining  
5 at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general  
6 fund.

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